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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND THE EEC

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2281, PARIS , 4877, 76 MADRID 9467 AND PREVIOUS
(ALL NOTAL)

1. SPAIN CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR EEC AGRICULTURAL TRADE
CONCESSIONS (WITH MINIMAL SPANISH INDUSTRIAL CONCESSIONS) AS
A CONDITION TO REPLACING OR BROADENING THE 1970 EEC
SIX/SPAIN/ACCORD. EEC TARIFF STANDSTILL AGREEMENTS WITH THE
U.K., IRELAND, AND DENMARK EXPIRE JUNE 30, AND IF NO EEC/SPAIN
AGREEMENT IS REACHED BEFORE THEN MOST OR ALL TARIFFS ON
SPANISH AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THOSE THREE COUNTRIES
WILL RISE. (MFA TELLS US SOME KEY RISES COULD BE DELAYED BY EEC
AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS.)

2. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
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BASSOLS, TOLD SPANISH JOURNALISTS MARCH 8 THAT ITALY OPPOSES
ANY EEC AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS TO SPAIN. BASSOLS SAID
THAT ROME IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT "UNSATISFACTORY" EEC
COMMISSION PROPOSAL SIMPLY TO UPDATE THE 1970 AGREEMENT
TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE NINE, WHILE ONLY COMMITTING THE EEC
TO SUBSEQUENT, SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OF TRADE
CONCESSIONS IN OCTOBER.

3. MAKING REFERENCE TO THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 5, BASSOLS TOLD SPANISH JOURNALISTS IN BRUSSELS THAT ONLY THE "POLITICAL FACTOR" CAN CHANGE THE EEC POSITION ON A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN. BASSOLS DID NOT DEFINE THE "POLITICAL FACTOR" BUT SAID HE HAD ALREADY RAISED IT WITH EUROPEAN COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT WILHEM HAERKAM.

4. MFA (FERRAN) SLIGHTLY DOWNPLAYED WITH US BASSOLS' REMARKS, AND SAID THAT THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE STILL TAKEN NO FINAL STAND ON A COMMON APPROACH VIS-A-VIS SPAIN. THE REFERENCES TO THE "POLITICAL FACTOR" ACCORDING TO FERRAN MERELY UNDERLINE THAT THE DESIRED EEC AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS ARE "OF RELATIVELY LITTLE IMPORTANCE." FERRAN ALSO TOLD US THAT SPANISH TALKS WITH EFTA ARE CONTINUING (SEE MADRID 1067 NOTAL), WITH THE RECENT GENEVA ROUND TO BE FOLLOWED BY MORE TALKS HERE LATER THIS MONTH.

5. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THE "POLITICAL FACTOR" IS WHAT THE GOS SEES AS GENERAL WEST EUROPEAN SYMPATHY FOR, AND DESIRE NOT TO JEPORDIZE, SPAIN'S CONTINUED DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION. GOS WILL OF COURSE PLAY THIS CARD FOR ALL ITS WORTH, BUT OUR IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT IT WILL NOT AT THIS TIME OVERCOME EEC OBJECTIONS TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL TRADE CONCESSIONS TO SPAIN. WE WELCOME ADDRESSEE'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT. EATON

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